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Title: System and Method for Finding the Most Likely Answer to a Natural Language Question

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Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

1. Response to an Office Action; and
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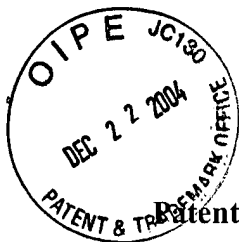
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In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated September 21, 2004,
Applicants submit the following remarks.